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9. (New) A double-row radial cylindrical roller bearing, comprising:
- a single-piece inner race provided with a central collar and two outer collars;
 - an outer race having interiorly a circumferential groove and provided with a central collar in the form of a single-piece T-shaped ring including a slot to provide the ring with variable diameter, said ring having a circumferential outer rib, which is engageable in the circumferential groove and arranged in one of central relationship and off-center relationship with respect to a width of the ring, and two opposite axial ends which expand in a radial extension and rest against a running surface of the outer race; and
 - rolling elements rolling between the inner and outer races.
10. (New) The bearing of claim 9 defining a bearing axis, said slot extending parallel to the bearing axis.
11. (New) The bearing of claim 9 defining a bearing axis, said the slot extending at an angle to the bearing axis.
12. (New) The bearing of claim 9, wherein the outer collars of the inner race are provided with a sealing element.

13. (New) The bearing of claim 9, wherein the ring is subjected to a hardening process.
14. (New) The bearing of claim 9, wherein the ring is coated with a friction-reducing material.
15. (New) The bearing of claim 9, wherein the friction-reducing material is polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE).
16. (New) A roller bearing, comprising:
- an inner race;
 - an outer race in surrounding relationship to the inner race, said outer race having interiorly an annular groove;
 - rolling elements rolling between the inner and outer races; and
 - a T-shaped ring formed with an annular rib for securement in the annular groove of the outer race and projecting out from the outer race so as to form engagement surfaces for neighboring rolling elements and thereby being capable to absorb forces applied by the rolling elements in an axial direction.
17. (New) The bearing of claim 16, wherein the ring is breached by a slot to impart resiliency to the ring.